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Biogen
Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee
Attn. Tami Eide, Pharm D
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RE: Therapies for multiple sclerosis

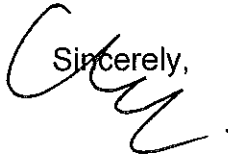
Dear Dr. Eide:

This is a letter in regards to the Idaho Medicaid Review for disease modifying therapies for multiple sclerosis. I think you are aware of my practice of neurology in Nampa for the last 32 years. I have spoken in front of the pharmacy and therapeutic committee on a number of occasions for equal and open access for MS therapies. I agree that we as physicians should act as a fiduciary for healthcare costs. However, MS has quite a variable presentation and therefore quite a variable range of treatment needs. There are significant costs to these agents and so most of us can understand the dilemma that this presents to you.

I would advocate high dose interferon of some form and then also low dose interferon. I think Copaxone has a unique non-interferon mechanism and then of course the best drug of all for MS is the Tysabri product, natalizumab. If I had a choice to eliminate one of the therapies I would eliminate Betaseron and its generic extavia.

If you have any specific questions about this, please feel free to contact me at my office in Nampa at 467-3368 during most days of the week except Wednesdays. On that day I can be reached via my cell phone 880-9741. I appreciate your time in regards to this issue.

Sincerely,



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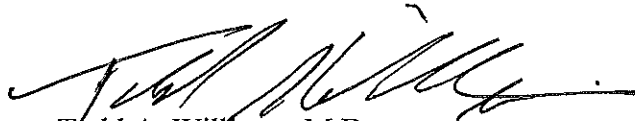
Idaho Medicaid
Attention: Tami Eide, Pharm.D.
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Dear Dr. Eide:

This letter is in support of the medication Dexilant. I have found this medication as to the drug Lipitor of treating her patients and that many of our patients who are refractory to current medications on the formulary do extremely well when provided with samples of Dexilant.

Thank you very much for your consideration and if you have any questions or if I can provide any additional information on my experience with this medication be more than happy to do so.

Sincerely:



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